

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021.

Committee Meetings

A HEARING TO REVIEW THE STATE OF BLACK FARMERS IN THE U.S.

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Hearing to Review the State of Black Farmers in the U.S.”. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

LEADING BY ACTION: THE FIERCE URGENCY FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE FOREIGN POLICY WORKFORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Leading by Action: The Fierce Urgency for Diversity and Inclusion in the Foreign Policy Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON ARTS AND HUMANITIES ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “The Effects of COVID-19 on Arts and Humanities Organizations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CREATING EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES THROUGH TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Creating Equitable Communities Through Transportation and Housing”. Testimony was heard from Dorval R. Carter, President, Chicago Transit Authority, Illinois; and public witnesses.

LESSONS LEARNED: CHARTING THE PATH TO EDUCATIONAL EQUITY POST-COVID-19

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Lessons Learned: Charting the Path to Educational Equity Post-COVID-19”. Testimony was heard from Alberto M.

Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Florida; and public witnesses.

DISINFORMATION NATION: SOCIAL MEDIA’S ROLE IN PROMOTING EXTREMISM AND MISINFORMATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; and Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a joint hearing entitled “Disinformation Nation: Social Media’s Role in Promoting Extremism and Misinformation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENDING EXPLOITATION: HOW THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM CAN WORK TO DISMANTLE THE BUSINESS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “Ending Exploitation: How the Financial System Can Work to Dismantle the Business of Human Trafficking”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 391, the “Global Health Security Act of 2021”; H.R. 1079, the “Desert Locust Control Act”; H.R. 1145, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes; H.R. 1500, to direct the Administrator of the USAID to submit to Congress a report on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global basic education programs; H.R. 1158, to provide women and girls safe access to sanitation facilities in refugee camps; H.R. 1083, the “Southeast Asia Strategy Act”; H.R. 1392, the “Protection of Saudi Dissidents Act of 2021”; H.R. 1464, the “Khashoggi Accountability Act”; H.R. 256, to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002; H.R. 2118, the “Securing America From Epidemics Act”; H. Res. 245, calling for renewed, decisive, and robust international collaboration and coordination to fight COVID-19 across Africa; and H.R. 1934, the “Promoting United States International Leadership in 5G Act”. H.R. 391 and H.R. 1464 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1145, H.R. 1500, H.R. 1158, H.R. 1083, H. Res. 245, H.R. 1079, H.R. 1934, H.R. 1392, H.R. 2118, and H.R. 256 were ordered reported, without amendment.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A DIVERSE FEDERAL JUDICIARY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Importance of a Diverse Federal Judiciary”. Testimony was heard from Frank J. Bailey, Bankruptcy Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Massachusetts; Edward M. Chen, District Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California; Bernice B. Donald, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; James C. Ho, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; Peter N. Kirsanow, Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Carlton W. Reeves, District Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi; and public witnesses.

ROOTING OUT FRAUD IN SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAMS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “Rooting Out Fraud in Small Business Relief Programs”. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Chair, Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, Inspector General, Department of Justice; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and Hannibal Ware, Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Building Technologies Research for a Sustainable Future”. Testimony was heard from Roderick Jackson, Laboratory Program Manager for Buildings Research at National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

THE ADMINISTRATION’S PRIORITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s Priorities for Transportation Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from Pete Buttigieg, Secretary, Department of Transportation.

RESTORING FAITH BY BUILDING TRUST: VA’S FIRST 100 DAYS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Restoring Faith by Building Trust: VA’s First 100 Days”. Testimony was heard from Denis R. McDonough, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

EXAMINING PRIVATE EQUITY’S EXPANDED ROLE IN THE U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Examining Private Equity’s Expanded Role in the U.S. Health Care System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D289)

H.R. 1276, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish COVID-19 vaccines to certain individuals. Signed on March 24, 2021. (Public Law 117-4)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled “SOF Culture and Climate: The Future of the Force”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Installation Resiliency: Lessons Learned from Winter Storm Uri and Beyond”, 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day Hearing”, 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “From Miranda to Gideon: A Call for Pretrial Reform”, 11 a.m., Webex.